

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Week 2 and the pupils (and staff!) have settled back into school life remarkably well, and already it feels more like several weeks have passed rather than just a few days.

On the Thomas Calton site, gates will be opened earlier at 8:35am so as to ease congestion on the surrounding pavements. Parents, please stay with your children until they go into their classrooms.

We are looking for green-fingered volunteers to plant bulbs with pupils in the main site beds. It is so important for the children to learn these practical skills and have the opportunity to really get their hands dirty! Apparently the soil there is perfect for growing most plants!

This week, I was lucky enough to accompany Linen class on their first swimming outing. All of the Year 2 children were brilliantly behaved at the pool, and their instructor was impressed with their swimming skills and resilient attitude, especially from those children who had never even stepped into a pool before. Well done, Year 2!

And finally, a plea to our parents of children on the main site: we are pushed for space at the moment and would like every last centimetre of outside space to be available for the children to use at playtime. Of course we want to encourage the children to ride to school on their scooters or bicycles, but for this term only, we are asking parents to take scooters/bikes home with them as we just don't have the space to store them on-site. If parents are travelling in from a distance, we are happy to discuss storage options. Please contact me directly or drop into the office for a chat.

FoB BEGINNING OF TERM SOCIAL!

Please join the Friends of Belham for a relaxed social evening next Thursday 21 September at the Victoria Inn from 8pm. Do drop in get to know/catch up with other parents and carers. Friends of Belham committee and class reps will be in the throng to let you know what FoB is about and how to get involved.

KEY DATES

Thursday 21 September

Jeans 4 Genes day

Year 2 recorder lessons begin

Friday 22 September

Year 3 recorder lessons begin

Year 2 Big Breakfast

YEAR 2 BIG BREAKFAST

Parents and carers of children in Year 2 will be receiving an invitation from their child next week, inviting them to drop into Cotton and Linen class between 8.30 and 9.30am on Friday 22 September. This will be for our 'Year 2 Big Breakfast', as part of our 'Food for Thought' topic. We invite parents to come into the classrooms and to bring in some foods typical of their heritage or culture to share for breakfast. Due to allergies, please avoid any foods containing nuts.

JEANS 4 GENES DAY

This is a chance to support Genetic Disorders UK, a fantastic charity that helps individuals and families affected by a genetic disorder. More details can be found at <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org>. If children would like to join in, please come to school wearing jeans (or any other denim clothing) and bring in a donation (we suggest between 50p and £1).

BELHAM CYCLING AT THE VELODROME

Following the success of last year's Belham session at Herne Hill Velodrome, the FoB have booked a follow-up session on Sunday 1 October, 4 – 5pm. It is open to all children who can ride a bike without stabilizers and stop and start on their own. Siblings up to age 8 are very welcome. The cost is £3 per child to include bike hire, helmet and coaching; children can bring their own bikes if they prefer. Numbers are limited to 30; please email patrickjamesmurray@gmail.com to book in, with the number, names and ages of your children.